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NOTARY PUBLIC.

CRAWFORD'S people, as you are aware, are selling out their Mason & Hamlin Pianos for want of room, and now have only a very few left. Intending purchasers should make up their minds quickly, as they might just be in time to be too late!! The prices on these instruments are just half the regular prices!!

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city from the west are all covered with many feet of water.

The river to-night is at a stand, approximately within five feet of the 1859 mark. A vast amount of water is due to reach Dailas, however, from the Panhandle country about Thursday, as a result of the hard general rains in that section on Sunday night last. This water has to travel from 600 to 760 miles with the winding of the streams and is not due to reach Dailas earlier than Thursday.

Continued clear weather may enable the Trinity to carry off sufficient water to avert any more serious damage than has aiready occurred, but another heavy rain within the next twenty-four hours would produce a dangerous situation. The following weather bulletins were received to-night:

Wator-The Brazos has failen five feet since yesterday. Weather clear.

Bastrop-There has been no rise in the Colorado at this point to-day. Weather clear.

Lagrange—The Colorado began falling fast

HEARING IN MEIER INQUIRY RESUMED.

E. C. Lackland, Foreman of February Grand Jury, Denies That He Intended to Prefer Charges,

JAMES DUROSS ON THE STAND.

Refuses to Divulge Information Obtained in Grand Jury Room-Members of The Republic Staff Testify.

The second session of the hearing on the harges preferred against Supply Commissioner Fred C. Meier was held in Mayor Ziegenhein's office at the City Hall yes terday afternoon.

Two members of the February Grand Jury, which made the report consuring the conduct of the Supply Commissioner's of fice and recommending Mr. Meier's remova by the Mayer, and several members of The Republic staff were closely examined by City Counselor Schnurmacher, None of the witnesses could give any information of the kind and in the way that Mr. Schnur macher desired. The hearing was continued until Thursday, May 10, at 2 p. m.

The crowd present yesterday was not great as on the occasion of the first see sion, but those present appeared to be deeply interested. Mr. Meier sat with his attorneys, Theodore Rassicur and Chester H. Krum, and appeared to be entirely at ease. The Mayor sat behind the long table, the ends of which were occupied by stenugraphers for Mr. Meier and for the Grand Jurors. City Counselor Schnurmacher sut at the east end of the table, and near him sat Attorneys Blair, Jourdan and Lack-land, attorneys for the Grand Jurors, Asat the previous session, the attorneys for the Grand Jurors were not allowed to take part as counsel.

Mr. Schnurmacher appeared exasperated when Grand Juror Austin E. Cook, who dinot appear at the first session, was called and did not respond. He stated that he would certainly ask for an attachment for him if he did not appear at the next ses-sion, Attorneya Blair and Jourdan expressed the belief that Mr. Cock had been unavoidably detained, and that he would not fail to be present then.

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Edgar C. Lackland, who was foreman of the February Grand Jury, was the first of the witnesses called. At the first session Mr. Lackland had promised that he would, at this session, give his decision as to whether he would submit to the Maybr certain specific charges against the Supply Commissioner, which had been prepared, and which, he stated, were in his possession. Mr. Lackland's decision was against the submission of these charges.

Mr. Lackland first corrected the City Counselor in his statement that the witness had stated that he had had the specific charges prepared. "I only stated that they

WATERS AT THE HIGHEST.

Flood News From Texas Is More Reassuring.

Resouring.

Republic Special.

Dallas, Tex., May 1.—The flood news from over the State indicates that the waters have reached the highest stage likely to be registered during the present overflow. The friently is the most menacing stream just now. A tremendous body of water is rushing past Pailias, and all the bottom lands to the west, the northwest and the southwest of the city are submerged.

The river is from one to three miles wide, and crops in the valley are ruined. Much lumber, logs, wood, fences, farm buildings and live stock have been lost. The dozen or more magnificent iron railroad and wagon bridges in and around Dallas are intact, but only the railroad bridges can be city from the west are all covered with many feet of water.

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stated that they had been drawn up from charges made by the Grand Jury and in newspapers.

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On BROADWAY, Corner LOCUST St.

Was the Scene at the Opening Yesterday of the

FIRST ANNIVERSARY

In Their New Building of

"The World's Grandest Jewelry Establishment."

The music, the flowers, the decorations, the illuminations, the brilliancy of the diamond display, the brightness of fine burnished silverware, the scintillation of cut glass, the chaste beauty of marble and bronze statuary, the rarely artistic art potteries, combined to form A SCENE OF SPLENDOR NEVER BEFORE EQUALED IN AMERICA.

TO-DAY IS "SILVERWARE DAY."

Note the special exhibit of MARTELE SILVERWARE in alto relievo work, duplicates of specimens sent to the Paris World's Fair. Also the high-class novelties in Norwegian enamels, the exquisite Empire decorations in flagons and beakers, and our new and exclusive patterns in WEDDING SILVERWARE.

BEST MUSIC BY WEIL'S BAND, 10 TO 12 AND 3 TO 5, THE

Musical Programme. Morning. 10 to 12.

FLOWERS 10:30 to 11:30 and 3:30 to 4:30,

Musical Programme. Afternoon, 3 to 5. The Bride-Efect ...

The celebration will continue all this week.

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Harmonious Gathering of Demo crats in Eighteenth Illinois Congressional District.

VIGOROUS PLATFORM ADOPTED.

John W. Yantis Nominated for State Board of Equalization -Town Decorated for the Occasion.

The Democracy of the Eighteenth Illinois terday nominated Congressman Thomas M. man Jett has been called upon to be his party's standard-bearer in the Eighteenth District. He was nominated for the first time in 1856, and defeated Congressmen W. P. L. Hadley of Edwardsville, Republican, by a plurality of 1,737. Congressman Jett's second victory was in 1898, when he defeated the Republican nomince, Benjamin F. Johnstone of St. Elmo, by a plurality of 719. This year the friends of Congressman Jett predict he will defeat the Republican nomince, Colonel J. J. Brenbolt, who was also named at Litchfield Atterday, by a

John W. Yantis of Shelbyville was unmed by the convention as the Democratic can didate from the district for the State Board of Equalization. Vantis's candidacy on ceeds that of Joseph F. Long of New centh District.



mittee, headed by Mayor John T. Crocker,

convention, and Chairman Hite of the Exscutive Committee announced that John Stafford of Vindalla had been selected for temperary chairman, and R. M. Mitchell of Ayres and T. H. Stokes of Edwardsville for secretarios. E. W. Mirigo of Edwardsville and A. M. Blythe of Moultire were appointed as a committee to cacurt Mr. Stafford to the chair. The speaker was greeted with warm applause and made a forcible address, which was the principal speech of the day.

Delegate E. R. Sturgeon of Fayette, seconded by former Congressment Edward Lone of Hillshore, moved that a roll of the counties be called, and that each county name a member of a Committee on Crodestials. Permanent Granication, Resolutions and Congressional Committee. The roll call developed the following committees:

Credentials—Bord. Chatles Carrillion; Payette, C. F. Easterday, Madison, Charles Lexow; Montgomery, C. B. McKinney;



JOHN L STAFFORD

Of Vandalia, Iil., who was chairman, Moultrie, George A. Fields; Shelby, W. H. Modulie, George A. Farms, Soud J. E. Appel; Payette George F. Snerly; Madison J. J. Brown; Managemeny, M. J. McMurry; Modicie, George Fleming; Sheiby, W. E.

Walker.

Leconitions—Rond, J. A. Harris; Payette,
E. B. Spurgeon; Mailison, H. P. Hotz, Montgenker; Elias Day; Moulirie, A. Hoots;
Shelby, George F. Miner.

Congressional Committeemen—Bond, Chan,
Carrillon; Fayette, J. R. McAtes; Madisson,
John F. McGintis; Montinousry, Don N.
Strader, Moulirie, John P. Laily; Shelby,
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mattee on Resolutions was preparing its report.
Following the concert, Editor O. W. Bissa of the Montkomery County News, known throughout Blinois sa the "Weather Forecaster," read a humerous poem, and the following telegram was read from Congressiman Jeit, who had been detained at Washington by the press of official duties.

"K. A. Hite, Chairman Congressional Committee, Edwardsville: Important pending legislation and the investigation before the Military Affairs Committee, which is of much interest to our people, makes it impossible for me to be with you to-day. I hope the convention will be harmonious and give its unqualited indersoment of the principles enunciated at Chiego, its condemnation of trusts and the imperial reside of the McKiniey administration, as expressed in the Parta Rican act, and instruct for Erysia for President."

Chairman W. H. Owenbaugh of the Com-

CONGRESSMAN THOMAS M. JETT of Hillsboro, renominated yesterday at Edwardsville,

Edwardsville entertained at least 800 visitors to the convention. The delegates from Mondrite and Fayette counties arrived on Monday evening, the Montgomery, Bond and Shelby contingents not arriving until the early trains of yesterday. Each delegation was met at the train by the Reception Committee, headed by Mayor John T. Crocker, The roll of the countles was called for



N exhibition of marvelously life-like moving pictures of His Holiness in the Gardens of the Vatican, attended by the Papal Guards and high dignitaries of the church. Four exhibitions daily, at 10:30 a. m. and at 2:30, 3:30 and 4:30 p. m., in the auditorium on third floor of our store, every day this week.

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MR. HODGES TALKS FOR RETRENCHMENT.

Messrs, Carroll and Thuner Ridicule His Statements as to City's Financial Condition.

APPROPRIATION BILL PASSES.

Municipal Assembly Amends It to Provide for Sprinkling Inspeciors and Water Tests -House Proceedings.

The temperary appropriation bill, in mended form, passed the House of Deland the measure received the final approval | Spring Suits for sale in our clothing if the Municipal Assembly. Mayor Ziegenhein will sign it to-day and the city emdoyes will get their salaries for the month of April just two days late.

The amendments made by the House of Delegates included one to increase the appropriation for street sprinkling inspectors from \$2,815 to \$6,215, thus allowing Street Commissioner Varrelmann to retain in office the twenty or more inspectors of street prinkling. The other amendments were to increase the appropriation for repairs of fences, benches and pointing in Gamble place from \$15 to \$59; for fences in Lyon Park from \$20 to \$600; for street cleaning and sweeping from \$16,500 to \$18,000; and or legal expenses and chemical and bacerfological tests in the Water Departnent from \$5,000 to \$11,709. The amendents increase the temporary appropriaions by \$11.55% When the Council convened at 5 o'clock

When the Council convened at 5 o'clock all the members were present and President Meier was in the chair. After transacting a lattle routine business the Council took a recost until the amendments to the appropriation bill came over from the House. Chairman Hodges of the Ways and Means Committee spoke first on the amendments, He said that the chy's financial condition is so critical that retrouchment is imperative; that about \$1.000 more would be teed of te carry on the expenses of the chy dring the year than was necled last year, and that it is high time the Musicipal Assembly is proceeding to make reductions in the expenditures. He added that the Police bepartment had offered to inspect the speniking, and that he believed the police could do it without any expense to the city. Mr. Hodges then moved that the amendments be not concurred in.

The amendments were taken up in order and accepted by the Council by a voic of 12 to 1 until the amendment increasing the appropriation for street sprinkling inspectors was reached. Then Mr. Hodges urged the Council to vote down the amendment stading that it was imperative that the city should save the \$2,500 new being paid out to street sprinkling inspector.

Councilman Carroll replied to Mr. Hodges by asserting that he was sick and tired of hearing the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means shouting poverty from the hilltons, and that in his opinion the only thing needed in the city of St. Louis is a new Comptroller.

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thing needed in the city of St. Louis is a new Comptroller.

"If they will let me have a look at the beeks in the Comptroller's department I will not need a committee from the Merchants' Exchange to tell me what is the condition of the city's finances."

Mr. Fodges replied: "I am as good a Republican as there is in this city, but I am not the kind of Republican that is willing to turn this city over to the Democratic

that 31.00000 extra expenses to be met this year."
Councilman Thuner took occasion to say that Councilman Carroll's Republicanism needed no defense, but that of Mr. Hodges did, that ever since he, Hodges, had been chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, he had been shouting poverty and holding up his lands and crying: "The city is basted," and that he had thereby injured the Republican party more than any other Republican in office.

The vote was then taken on the amendment under discussion, and it was concurred in by a vote of 8 to 5. Several bonds were approved, and the President, after signing the appropriation bill, adjourned the Council.

FOR CHEAPER WATER RATES. Bill Introduced in the House of Del- her husband, Charles Frost, by administer-

the House of Delegates reported the temporary appropriation bill to the House at porary appropriation bill to the House at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, with amendments, which were referred to the Council. Delegate Hartman introduced a bill providing for the reduction of water rate which was placed on first reading. The dinance provides that the rate for dwelfings of less than seven rooms shall be \$1 a room; for eight-room dwellings, \$7. and \$5 cents a room for each additional room; for other buildings, including hotels, tenements and such, \$1 a room; bath tub in private house, \$2; in public house, \$3; water closets in hotels, \$5; in dwellings, \$5.

The new meter rates proposed in Assessor and Collector Henunelmann's bill are as follows: Baily consumption up to 300 cubic feet, 15 cents a hundred cubic feet; up to 1,000 cubic feet, 15 cents a hundred cubic feet; up to 2,500 cubic feet, \$5 cents a hundred cubic feet; up to 2,500 cubic feet, \$5 cents a hundred cubic feet; up to 2,500 cubic feet, \$7 cents; over 2,500 cubic feet, \$8 cents a hundred cubic feet; up to 2,500 cubic feet, \$7 cents; over 2,500 cubic feet, \$8 cents a hundred cubic feet; up to 2,500 cubic feet, \$8 cents a hundred cubic feet; up to 2,500 cubic feet, \$8 cents a hundred cubic feet; up to 2,500 cubic feet, \$8 cents a hundred cubic feet; up to 2,500 cubic feet, \$8 cents a hundred cubic feet; up to 2,500 cubic feet, \$8 cents a hundred cubic feet; up to 2,500 cubic feet, \$8 cents a hundred cubic feet; up to 2,500 cubic feet, \$8 cents a hundred cubic feet; up to 2,500 cubic feet, \$8 cents a hundred cubic feet; up to 2,500 cubic feet, \$8 cents a hundred cubic feet; up to 2,500 cubic feet, \$8 cents a hundred cubic feet; up to 2,500 cubic feet, \$8 cents a hundred cubic feet; up to 2,500 cubic feet, \$8 cents a hundred cubic feet; up to 2,500 cubic feet, \$8 cents a hundred cubic feet; up to 2,500 cubic feet, \$8 cents a hundred cubic feet; up to 2,500 cubic feet, \$8 cents a hundred cubic feet; up to 2,500 cubic feet, \$8 cents a hundred cubic feet; up to 2,500 cubic feet, \$8 cents a hundred cubic feet; up to 2,500 cubic feet, \$8 cent o'clock yesterday afternoon, with amend-

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MORE WORLD'S FAIR SUPPORT. Additional Congressmen Will Vote

for the Bill.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Washington, May L-Governor Francis

and former Representative Cobb have been working hard to-day with members of the House to secure all possible support for the World's Fair bill after it is reported from

World's Fair bill after it is reported from the committee. The special committee will meet Thursday and consider carefully the arguments made at the hearing Friday. A verbatim report of these arguments will be laid before each member of the committee to morrow and will expedite the decision of the matter and the preparation of the report.

There is a very general disposition in the House to pass the measure, but some members express a desire that it should be held until the winter session in order that the total of appropriations during the present session, prior to the national election, will not look so large. It is to this point that the arguments of Mesars, Francis and Cobb now are being directed mainly. They insist that the committee should report at once and that the House should then dispose of the bill without delay, so that it can be acted upon by the Senate also before first adjournment in June. They made a number of converts to-day on both sides of the House, and are condident that with an early report from committee, while now seems assured, the House will be passuaded to dispose of the bill in ample time for favorable action by the Senate. Mesars, Francis and Cobb will remain in Washington until after Thursday.

FACES THE WORLD ALONE.

Samuel Seeley, Abandoned by Wife and Son, Is Free. New York, May I.-Samuel C. Seeley, for-

mer bookkeeper of the National Shee and Leather Bank, who, in complicity with a depositor of the bank named Baker, robbed depositor of the cank named Baker, robbed it of \$35,000, was released from the Kinga County Punitentiary to-day, after over five years' incarceration.

While he was in prison his wife secured a divorce and married again. Seeley was also abandoned by his son, who changed his name to Bennett. After the robbery Baker was found drowned near Long Island.

CAPITAL STOCK \$24,000,000.

Siegel-Cooper Company Incorpo rated in New Jersey.

Trenton, N. J., May 1.-The Siegel-Cooper Company, capital \$21,000,000, was incorporated here to-day, to deal in goods of all kind in New York, Chicago and other cities. the capital stock \$14,250,000 is preferred with 6 per cent cumulative dividends, an the remainder is common stock.

WOMAN GRAVELY CHARGED.

Nebraska Wife Accused of Killing Her Husband.

New York, May 1.-Mrs. Margaret Frost was arrested on a Coroner's warrant this morning, charged with causing the death of

"Nuther-pair-Harris Newest \$4 Shoes. 520 Pine.

mittee, headed by Mayor John T. Crocker, and taken to the Democratic headquasters which had been established in the Leland Hotel.

The convention was held in the Circuit Court room of the Madison County Courthouse. In order to accommodate the convention Circuit Judge William Hartsell edjourned court to the Grand Jury room. The Courthouse and business houses were profusely decorated under direction of a committee consisting of W. H. Hall, enaitment, for some minutes.

George Kellermann, Joseph Schmidt, John Keller and W. J. Schwartz. In the convention hall the national colors were everywhere to be seen. Around the hall were placed lithographs of the nation's famous statesmen, and under carch pleture was written some expression of the statesman. Echind the speaker's chair was a fine likeness of William Jennings Bryan, and under it the monto, "Skieen to One, Liberty, Equality and Justice."

The convention was called to order at Utils y K. A. Bite of Shebbyrille, chairman of the Congressional Executive Committee, following which Autorney C. W. Triry of Edwardsville delivered an adject of welcome. Secretary John P. Lilly of Sullivan then read the official call for the

not the kind of Republican that is willing to turn thus city over to the Democratic party rather then do my duty. That is just what certain Republicans in this had are down. The people are demanding retrenchment and the city's financial condition sternly demands it, but there has been no retrenciment. When I endeavor, as chairman of the temmittee on Ways and Means, to inaugurate the retrenchment policy. I am met right on the threshold with such opposition as this. But, however much I may be censured, the conditions remain the same and this body cannot frown down that \$1.00,000 extra expenses to be met this year.

The Committee on Ways and Means of Frost is infatuated with a traveling man.